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Abele Announces Deputy Chief of Staff Bentoff to Leave Administration

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Chris Abele announced Tuesday that Deputy Chief of Staff Jeff Bentoff would soon be leaving his administration to return to his consulting business as Abele nears the end of his first term.

“Jeff provided invaluable leadership and skills that enabled me and my new administration to successfully communicate our goals to the public and begin to implement major reforms in Milwaukee County government,” Abele said. “While he’ll be missed at the Courthouse, I know he’ll continue to be an asset to area businesses and non-profits and play an important role in civic affairs in Milwaukee.”

Bentoff, founder of the public affairs firm Bentoff Communications, said he joined the new administration to support Abele through his first term and was returning to his firm, founded in 2003, now that Abele is running unopposed this April. Bentoff will stay in his current post until February to assist with the transition.

“I greatly appreciated the invitation to help County Executive Abele and his leadership team implement his vision and assist their efforts to reshape county government,” Bentoff said. “While I look forward to returning to consulting, I strongly support the executive’s plans to put Milwaukee County’s fiscal house in order, improve service delivery and maintain our high quality of life.”

For 11 years prior to joining Abele, Bentoff advised companies and non-profits, including AT&T Wisconsin and 88Nine RadioMilwaukee, on communications and public affairs issues. Prior to forming his firm, Bentoff served for nine years in top communications, development and government relations positions in former Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist’s administration and worked for seven years as a Milwaukee Sentinel reporter on major government and court beats.

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